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Leica films, film for aircraft cameras, films for infra-red rays according to Russian instruction.

At the end of 1945 the plant was an independent firm FOMA; after the war it was taken over by the United Chemical and Metallurgical Works in Prague; in 1949 it became independent again under the name FOTOHEMA, nat. corporation, and has the following branches:

FOTOHEMA, nat. corp.	BLANSKO (produces Cynotype (blueprint);
" " "	PRAHA, former Aktinofot, produces photo paper;
" " "	BRNO, former Neobrom, produces photographic paper.
" " "	ČESKÝ BROD, former AKO, produces film rolls, photo paper, plates, developers, stabilizers.

The following dpts have separate building: production of emulsions, glazing machines, adjustments.

There is also the department of technical control and research dpt.

The factory premises are of 1,000 x 420 m and consist of 9 main buildings (1 administrative and 8 production buildings). They are brick built, the highest one has 4 floors. There are 2 passenger cars and 2 trucks there.

Raw material used: gelatine, celluloid, silver nitrite, stabilizers, sensibilizers.

The machinery consists of originally installed machines of older type, but in quite a good condition as well as of completely new and latest types.

Electricity is used throughout; the factory has its own steam turbine. Lately, a new low-voltage current was introduced in the production; This was a success because better stabilization was achieved and lowered the risk of injury by current.

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Local suppliers: SYNTHESIA (formerly EXPLOSIA) at SEMTIN (Nitrocelluloid),
Czechoslovak Chemical Works at USTI NAD LABEM (chemicals,
silver nitrite, bromides, stabilizers and
sensibilizers).
Czechoslovak Chemical Works at NERATOVICE (photogelatine);
Former NAVALIER Works on the river SAZAVA deliver pane-glass;

[REDACTED]

Customers in Czechoslovakia: SANITAS, Praha (X-ray film for Hospitals),
Ministry of National Defence, Praha (films
for photographing from an aircraft,
X-ray films for the Division Hospital in
Praha-~~VOSEK~~ -Hradcany, where is the main
store for all military hospitals),
Ministry of Interior (films for air photography,
film rolls, photographic papers,
Ministry of Information (Cz.Press, newspapermen,
photographers, mainly rolls of film and
photo-paper),
Communal Establishment of Prague (photo material
for photographers)
CHEMODROGA, nat.corp. (photo necessities for the
civilians).

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Since September, 1951, the factory's manager has been Ing. Arnost SMUK,

[REDACTED]

His predecessor in the capacity of factory manager was Josef SIPAL,

[REDACTED]

Production manager is now Jiri DIVISEK, Cadre Official is Frantisek
HOLICKY [REDACTED] his deputy is Emil NOVOTNY, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Security official is /fnu/ KNAPP. Other leading employees:
Josef VOREL, Miroslav TYKAL, Josef SPACEK who is also a chairman of the
factory organization of the C.P. and commander of the Factory's MILITIA.
Chief of the technical control is Ladislav VLACH, [REDACTED]

Chief of the factory research is Ing. Frantisek STASTNY,

[REDACTED]

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There are about 780 employees - 500 workers and 250 clerks, 30 misc.

The factory's attention was concentrated on the Research dpt., whose main task was to broaden its experience in the production of films for infra-red rays). Films so far produced according to Russian instructions were suitable for air photography only on ~~gaf~~ foggy days, while the Research dpt. tried to produce films for air photography by night. this was without success. The factory depended on imports of mainly acetylcelluloid and nitrocelluloid from Western countries. Recently SYNTHESIA at SEMTIN succeeded in manufacturing nitrocelluloid and supplies it to FOTOHEMA.

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Cine-film is not manufactured anywhere in Czechoslovakia because there is no suitable machinery for perforating the edges of the film. The firm MEOPTA in PREROV was not successful in its attempts to construct such a machine, and Czechoslovakia has not been able to import it from abroad so far. Cine-film is therefore imported [redacted] from the former firm AGFA at WELFEN near LEIPZIG positives film,

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comments: According to Czechoslovak press of April 30, 1952 Ing. Frantisek STASTNY, chief of the laboratory, had been awarded the "Order of the Republic".

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